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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

I applaud the DOJ for coming to settlement with The Microsoft Corporation over antitrust concerns.

Although the company has perhaps been aggressive in certain business practices, it seems to have curtailed these practices, and wants to move on in life, being a good U.S. corporate citizen.

Unfortunately, it appears a cottage industry of media pundits, journalists, attorneys, special interest groups, politicians, and competitors, who seem to have built careers around keeping the company left dangling do not want resolution.

Microsoft has created many jobs, has helped the U.S. to become a leader in information technology, and I use their products which enable me to make a living.

I hope that the DOJ continues to work hard to get all parties to settle the Microsoft antitrust case, and allows a great U.S. company to operate without the shackles of all of the above named special interests.

Thank you.

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(Note, these thoughts also apply to my Austin, Texas based mom, and Huntsville, Alabama based cousin)